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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN  
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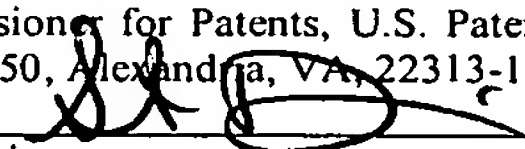
Dear Sir:

Because this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the receipt of a First Office Action on the Merits for the above-captioned application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all information known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98. Form PTO-1449 (2 pages) and copies of the cited non U.S. patent documents are provided herewith.

The documents cited on the Forms PTO-1449 are in the English language. Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed items is necessary.

Copies of Examination Reports (Documents 1 and 2), issued June 25, 2008 and April 15, 2009, in connection with corresponding Australian Patent Application No. 2003282724, are provided. Copies of Examination Reports (Documents 3 and 4), issued August 8, 2008

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and February 24, 2009, in connection with corresponding New Zealand patent Application No. 539242, are provided. A copy of an Office Action (Document 5), issued February 24, 2009, in connection with U.S. Application Serial No. 11/104,111, is provided. A copy of a Search Report and Written Opinion (Document 6), issued March 4, 2009, in connection with Singapore Patent Application No. 200704897-8, is provided. A copy of a Supplementary European Search Report (Document 7), issued May 14, 2009, in connection with European Patent Application No. 03774608.8, is provided. The table below lists Documents 1-7 and includes a column that provides a space next to the documents to be considered, for the Examiner's initials.

Examiner Initial	Document No.	Document
	1	Examination Report, issued June 25, 2008, in connection with Australian Patent Application No. 2003282724
	2	Examination Report, issued April 15, 2009, in connection with Australian Patent Application No. 2003282724
	3	Examination Report, issued August 8, 2008, in connection with New Zealand Patent Application No. 539242
	4	Examination Report, issued February 24, 2009, in connection with New Zealand Patent Application No. 539242
	5	Office Action, issued February 24, 2009, in connection with U.S. Application Serial No. 11/104,111
	6	Search Report and Written Opinion, issued March 4, 2009, in connection with Singapore Patent Application No. 200704897-8
	7	Supplementary European Search Report, issued May 14, 2009, in connection with European Patent Application No. 03774608.8

In the Office Action dated, December 11, 2008, the Examiner indicated that the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) submitted on September 12, 2008 was considered and initialed by the Examiner. The IDS filed on September 12, 2008 contained a Table listing an Office Action issued in a corresponding Israeli Patent Application. This table was not initialed by the Examiner. This IDS included the application number of the application in which the IDS was being submitted, a column that provides a blank space next to each citation for the Examiner's initials, a heading on the listing that clearly indicates the list is an Information Disclosure Statement, and copies of listed documents. Therefore, the September 12, 2008 IDS is in compliance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 and Applicant

respectfully requests that Examiner consider and initial all information listed in the tables submitted in the IDS filed September 12, 2008.

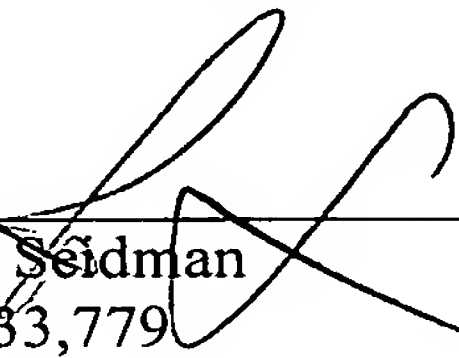
Applicant also makes known to the Examiner the following pending U.S. and International Applications having one or more common inventors and/or common ownership:

U.S.S.N.	Filing Date	Publ. No.	Publ. Date	Docket No.
11/825,627	07/05/07	2009-0123452	05/14/09	4902
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12/005,953	12/28/07	2009-0047210	02/19/09	4912B

Although these documents and applications are made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure, such disclosure is not to be construed as an admission by Applicant or Applicant's representative that any of the documents, singly or in any combination thereof, is effective as prior art against the subject application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(g) and (h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b) exists.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing documents and they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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